

Meeting Hour—Monday, Sept. 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23. **Page H6407**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Sept. 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 for morning hour debate. **Page H6407**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 25. **Page H6407**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Continuation of National Emergency re Terrorists: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–263); and **Page H6407**

National Emergency re Terrorists: Message wherein he transmitted the 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–264). **Page H6408**

Discharge Petition—Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals: Representative Thurman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1862) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals. **Page H6420**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6375.

Referrals: S. 1308 was referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 2127 was held at the desk. **Page H6416**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6376, H6382–83, H6383, H6384, H6403, H6404, H6404–05, and H6405. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROGRAM AND TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction Program and Technology Exports. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY—BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NEEDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness and the Subcommittee on Select Education held a joint hearing on Responding to the Needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a resolution that the Chairman of the full Committee with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority member may authorize and issue subpoenas to testify and subpoena duces tecum to any person or entity in respect of matters involved in, relating to, or arising from the Committees investigation of Global Crossing Ltd., Quest, and related entities.

TERRORIST FINANCING—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Terrorist Financing: A Progress Report on Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act." Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; Kenneth Dam, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury and Alan Larson, Under Secretary, Economic and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State.

ECSTASY AND CLUB DRUGS—THREAT TO NATION'S YOUTH

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "Ecstasy and Club Drugs: A Growing Threat to the Nation's Youth." Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Glen R. Hanson, D.D.S., Acting Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SWANCC DECISION—AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on “Agency Implementation of the SWANCC Decision.” Testimony was heard from Dominic Izzo, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army; Robert Fabricant, General Counsel, EPA; Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE RESULTS—LINKING PROGRAM FUNDING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process of the Committee on Rules held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Linking Program Funding to Performance Results.” Testimony was heard from Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Director, OMB; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

PLANT BREEDERS EQUITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 5119, Plant Breeders Equity Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from James A. Toupin, General Counsel, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federal Farm Program: Unintended Consequences of FAV Rules.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Stakeholder Proposals for the Reauthorization of Surface Transportation Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs medical research programs. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Wu, Deputy Under Secretary, Technology, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary, Health; and Michael Slachta, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS—PREVENTING MISUSE BY TERRORISTS AND IDENTITY THIEVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims of the Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing on Preserving the Integrity of Social Security Numbers and Preventing Their Misuse by Terrorists and Identity Thieves. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: James B. Lockhart III, Deputy Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General; Charisse Phillips, Director, Fraud Prevention Programs, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Robert Bond, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; Grant D. Ashley, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine activities of the U.S. Intelligence Community in connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, after receiving testimony from Richard Lee Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State; Paul D. Wolfowitz, of Maryland, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Brent Scowcroft, Scowcroft Group, Anthony Lake, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Samuel Berger, Stonebridge International, all of Washington, D.C., each a former National Security Advisor.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D882)

H.R. 5012, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a project for construction of a plaza adjacent to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Signed on September 18, 2002. (Public Law 107–224)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Select Committee on Intelligence: to continue joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intel-

ligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Emergency Preparedness in the Nation's Capital, and to mark up H.R. 5205, to amend the District of Columbia Retirement Protection Act of 1997 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to use estimated amounts in determining the service longevity component of the Federal benefit payment required to be paid under such Act to certain retirees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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